

OUTDOOR EDUCATION FUNDING WINDOW

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT OUTDOOR EDUCATION Proposal's – GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION (OE) grants are a subset of the larger Environmental Education program. OUTDOOR EDUCATION refers to educational opportunities dealing with basic ecological principles and the effects of natural and man related process on natural and urban systems and programs to enhance public awareness of the importance of safeguarding natural resources through participation in an outdoor field-trip experience.

Our intent is to fund projects that will provide a meaningful outdoor, wildlife-focused educational experience to public school students while still giving the greatest return for the Heritage funds invested consistent with the stated funding goals and objectives. Schools and districts are encouraged to submit proposals to cover the costs associated with field trips to an area important to local wildlife.

For the **2013 grant cycle**, there is a total of **\$16,000** available for **OUTDOOR EDUCATION grant proposals** submitted. Outdoor Education applicants can request a Heritage Grant amount minimum of \$1,000 and maximum amount not to exceed \$2,500.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION proposals must be consistent with **ALL** of the following **requirements** listed below in order to be fully considered.

Requirement 1: Proposals must be submitted by an eligible applicant; however, proposals submitted by any Arizona public school, including charter schools or public school district is preferred. A school district may submit an application on behalf of several schools listed within their district of responsibility.

Requirement 2: Field trips that utilize at least one of the Department properties or events listed below is preferred. However, any suitable alternative location or event proposed will also be considered based on the merits of the proposal submitted:

- Biscuit Tank at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, North Phoenix, AZ
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- Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area, Safford, AZ
- Colorado River Nature Center, Bullhead City, AZ
- Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area, Cordes Junction, AZ
- House Rock Wildlife Area, Jacob Lake/Marble Canyon, AZ
- Lamar Haines Memorial Wildlife Area, Flagstaff, AZ
- Mittry Lake Wildlife Area, Yuma, AZ
- Page Springs/Bubbling Ponds Fish Hatchery & Wildlife Viewing Trail, Cottonwood, AZ
- Quigley Wildlife Area, Yuma, AZ
- Raymond Wildlife Area, Flagstaff, AZ

- Robbins Butte Wildlife Area, Buckeye, AZ
- Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area, Springerville/Eagar, AZ
- Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery, Payson, AZ
- Wenima Wildlife Area, Springerville/Eagar, AZ
- Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area, Douglas, AZ
- Willcox Playa, Willcox, AZ
- Youth Day at the AZGFD Annual Outdoor Expo (March 22, 2013), Phoenix, AZ
- Yuma Wetlands, Yuma, AZ

Requirement 3: Funding requests can only be used to cover transportation costs and substitute teacher fees incurred during the field trip. Funds cannot be used for entrance fees or other related costs.

Requirement 4: Field trip(s) carried out and completed during the spring semester of the 2012-2013 academic years (January – June) is preferred. This ensures any student or teacher involved in planning and research activities during the fall semester can take part in the actual field-trip activity during the spring semester.

Requirement 5: A field trip itinerary, detailing primary activities, the number of students participating and proposed field-trip dates must be included with application materials.

In addition to the requirements outlined above, OUTDOOR EDUCATION proposals must be consistent with **one or more** of the **Goals** listed below in order to be fully considered.

Goal 1: Activities should be standards-based with an emphasis on student inquiry.

Goal 2: Activities should directly focus on wildlife and/or wildlife habitats.

Goal 3: Learning should extend beyond the single field trip experience. This may include pre- or post-trip activities and community outreach.

Goal 4: Applicants are encouraged to involve local community partners such as parents, conservation organizations and other volunteers to assist with Outreach field-trip activities.

Goal 5: Proposals that reach underserved audiences or non-traditional Department audiences.

Goal 6: Proposals that focus on the development or implementation of school or neighborhood-based outdoor education programs emphasizing awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of wildlife and its habitats.

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